

STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL

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| In the Matter of:          | ) | Docket No. HWCA <u>97/98 - 3016</u> |
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| W-H Tank Lines, Inc.       | ) | ENFORCEMENT ORDER                   |
| 2202 E. Spring Street      | ) |                                     |
| Signal Hill, CA 90805      | ) |                                     |
|                            | ) |                                     |
| EPA ID No. CAD 040 370 645 | ) | Health and Safety Code              |
|                            | ) | Section 25187                       |
| Respondent.                | ) |                                     |

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INTRODUCTION

1.1. Parties. The State Department of Toxic Substances Control (Department) issues this Enforcement Order (Order) to W-H Tank Lines, Inc. (Respondent).

1.2. Site. Respondent handles and stores hazardous waste at the following site: 2202 E. Spring Street, Signal Hill, CA 90805 (Site).

1.3. Permit/Interim Status. The Department authorized Respondent to manage hazardous waste by interim status document issued on October 1, 1993.

1.4. Jurisdiction. Section 25187 of the Health and Safety Code (HSC) authorizes the Department to order action necessary to correct violations and assess a penalty when the Department determines that any person has violated specified provisions of the Health and Safety Code or any permit, rule, regulation, standard, or requirement issued or adopted pursuant thereto.

1.5. Exhibits. All exhibits attached to this Order are incorporated herein by this reference.

DETERMINATION OF VIOLATIONS

2. The Department has determined:

2.1. The Respondent violated title 22, California Code of Regulations (CCR), sections 66265.147 and 67800.5(d) in that on or about October 1, 1993, and continuing thereafter, Respondent failed to demonstrate to the Department liability coverage for sudden accidental occurrences in the amount of at least \$100,000.00 per facility per occurrence with an annual aggregate of at least \$200,000.00 per facility, exclusive of legal defense costs.

2.2 The Respondent violated title 22, CCR, section 66265.13(b) in that on or about October 1, 1993, and continuing thereafter, Respondent failed to develop and follow a written waste analysis plan which describes the procedures Respondent will follow to obtain a detailed chemical and physical analysis of the waste it receives.

2.3 The Respondent violated title 22, CCR, section 66265.15(a) in that on or about June 25, 1996, Respondent failed to inspect the facility for discharges which may be causing or may lead to release of hazardous waste to the environment.

2.4 The Respondent violated title 22, CCR, section 66265.31 in that on or about June 25, 1996, Respondent failed to maintain and operate its facility to minimize the possibility of an unplanned sudden or non-sudden release of hazardous waste or

hazardous waste constituents to air, soil, or surface water which could threaten human health or the environment.

**2.5** The Respondent violated title 22, CCR, section **66265.73** in that on or about October 1, **1993**, and continuing thereafter, Respondent failed to maintain a written operating record at its facility.

**2.6.** The Respondent violated title **22**, CCR, section **66265.16(d)** in that on or about June **25, 1996**, Respondent failed to maintain the following documents at its facility: (1) the job title for each position at the facility related to hazardous waste management and the name of the employee filling each job; (2) a written description of each job position and (3) written description of the type and amount of both introductory and continuing training to be given to each person filling that position.

**2.7.** The Respondent violated HSC, section **25201** in that on or about June **25, 1996**, Respondent stored **14** drums of hazardous waste for a period longer than **90** days without a grant of authorization from the Department.

**2.8.** The Respondent violated title **22**, CCR, section **66265.173(a)** in that on or about June 25, **1996**, Respondent failed to keep containers of hazardous waste closed except when it is necessary to add or remove waste.

**2.9.** The Respondent violated title 22, CCR, section **66262.34(f)(3)** in that **on** or about June 25, 1996, Respondent failed to label each container holding hazardous waste with all

the information required by title 22, CCR, section 66262.34(f)(3) including accumulation dates.

2.10. The Respondent violated HSC, section 25250.8(b) (5) in that in February and March, 1996, Respondent did not enter the correct volume of waste transported on the manifest.

2.11. The Respondent violated title 22, CCR, section 66265.143 in that on or about October 1, 1993, and continuing thereafter, Respondent failed to establish financial assurance for closure.

#### SCHEDULE FOR COMPLIANCE

3. Based on the foregoing DETERMINATION OF VIOLATIONS, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:

3.1.1. Within 60 days of the effective date of this Order, Respondent shall have and maintain liability coverage for sudden accidental occurrences in the amount of at least \$100,000.00 per facility per occurrence with an annual aggregate of at least \$200,000.00 per facility, exclusive of legal defense costs, until the Site has been certified closed by the Department.

3.1.2. Effective immediately, Respondent shall inspect the facility for discharges which may lead to release of hazardous waste to the environment.

3.1.3. Effective immediately, Respondent shall maintain its facility to minimize the possibility of an unplanned sudden or non-sudden release of hazardous waste or hazardous

waste constituents to air, soil, or surface water which could threaten human health or the environment.

3.1.4. Within 30 days of the effective date of this Order, Respondent shall develop and maintain a written operating record that meets the requirements of title 22, CCR, section 66265.73.

3.1.5. Effective immediately, Respondent shall maintain at its facility documents and records related to training to meet the requirements of title 22, CCR, section 66265.16(d).

3.1.6. Effective immediately, Respondent shall not store at its facility hazardous wastes in containers.

3.1.7. Effective immediately, Respondent shall keep all containers of hazardous waste closed except when it is necessary to add or remove waste.

3.1.8. Effective immediately, Respondent shall label all containers holding hazardous wastes as per the requirements of title 22, CCR, section 66262.34 (f)(3).

3.1.9. Effective immediately, Respondent shall enter the correct volume of waste on manifests. The total volume shall be the cumulative amount of hazardous waste collected from the generators listed on the generators' receipts.

3.1.10. Within 30 days of the effective date of this Order, Respondent shall establish and maintain financial assurance for closure in an amount approved by the Department and which meets the requirements of title 22, CCR, section 66265.143, until the Site has been certified closed by the Department.

3.2. Submittals. All submittals from a Respondent pursuant to this Order shall be sent to:

Florence Gharibian  
Branch Chief  
Statewide Compliance Division  
Department of Toxic Substances Control  
1011 North Grandview Avenue  
Glendale, California 91201

3.3. Communications. All approvals and decisions of the Department made regarding submittals and notifications will be communicated to Respondent in writing by the Branch Chief, Department of Toxic Substances Control, or his/her designee. No informal advice, guidance, suggestions, or comments by the Department regarding reports, plans, specifications, schedules, or any other writings by Respondent shall be construed to relieve Respondent of the obligation to obtain such formal approvals as may be required.

3.4. Department Review and Approval. If the Department determines that any report, plan, schedule, or other document submitted for approval pursuant to this Order fails to comply with the Order or fails to protect public health or safety or the environment, the Department may:

a. Modify the document as deemed necessary and approve the document as modified, or

b. Return the document to Respondent with recommended changes and a date by which Respondent must submit to the Department a revised document incorporating the recommended changes.

3.5. Compliance with Applicable Laws: Respondent shall carry out this Order in compliance with all local, State, and federal requirements, including but not limited to requirements to obtain permits and to assure worker safety.

3.6. Endangerment during Implementation: In the event that the Department determines that any circumstances or activity (whether or not pursued in compliance with this Order) are creating an imminent or substantial endangerment to the health or welfare of people on the site or in the surrounding area or to the environment, the Department may order Respondent to stop further implementation of this Order for such period of time as needed to abate the endangerment. Any deadline in this Order directly affected by a Stop Work Order under this section shall be extended for the term of the Stop Work Order.

3.7. Liability: Nothing in this Order shall constitute or be construed as a satisfaction or release from liability for any conditions or claims arising as a result of past, current, or future operations of Respondent. Notwithstanding compliance with the terms of this Order, Respondent may be required to take further actions as are necessary to protect public health or welfare or the environment.

3.8. Site Access: Access to the site shall be provided at all reasonable times to employees, contractors, and consultants of the Department, and any agency having jurisdiction. Nothing in this Order is intended to limit in any way the right of entry or inspection that any agency may otherwise have by operation of any law. The Department and its

authorized representatives shall have the authority to enter and move freely about all property at the Site at all reasonable times for purposes including but not limited to: inspecting records, operating logs, and contracts relating to the Site; reviewing the progress of Respondent in carrying out the terms of this Order; and conducting such tests as the Department may deem necessary. Respondent shall permit such persons to inspect and copy all records, documents, and other writings, including all sampling and monitoring data, in any way pertaining to work undertaken pursuant to this Order.

3.9. Data and Document Availability. Respondent shall permit the Department and its authorized representatives to inspect and copy all sampling, testing, monitoring, and other data generated by Respondent or on Respondent's behalf in any way pertaining to work undertaken pursuant to this Order. Respondent shall allow the Department and its authorized representatives to take duplicates of any samples collected by Respondent pursuant to this Order. Respondent shall maintain a central depository of the data, reports, and other documents prepared pursuant to this Order. All such data, reports, and other documents shall be preserved by Respondent for a minimum of six years after the conclusion of all activities under this Order. If the Department requests that some or all of these documents be preserved for a longer period of time, Respondent shall either comply with that request, deliver the documents to the Department, or permit the Department to copy the documents prior to destruction. Respondent shall notify the Department in writing at least six



months prior to destroying any documents prepared pursuant to this Order.

3.10. Government Liabilities: The State of California shall not be liable for injuries or damages to persons or property resulting from acts or omissions by Respondent or related parties specified in paragraph 3.16 in carrying out activities pursuant to this Order, nor shall the State of California be held as a party to any contract entered into by Respondent or its agents in carrying out activities pursuant to the Order.

3.11. Additional Enforcement Actions: By issuance of this Order, the Department does not waive the right to take further enforcement actions.

3.12. Incorporation of Plans and Reports. All plans, schedules, and reports that require Department approval and are submitted by Respondent pursuant to this Order are incorporated *in* this Order upon approval by the Department.

3.13. Extension Request: If Respondent **is** unable to perform any activity or submit any document within the time required under this Order, the Respondent may, prior to expiration of the time, request an extension of time in writing. The extension request shall include a justification for the delay.

3.14. Extension Approvals: If the Department determines that good cause exists for an extension, it will grant the request and specify in writing a new compliance schedule.

3.15. Penalties for Noncompliance: Failure to comply with the terms of this Order may also subject Respondent to costs, penalties, and/or punitive damages for any costs incurred by the Department or other government agencies as a result of such failure, as provided by HSC section 25188 and other applicable provisions of law.

3.16. Parties Bound: This Order shall apply to and be binding upon Respondent, and its officers, directors, agents, employees, contractors, consultants, receivers, trustees, successors, and assignees, including but not limited to individuals, partners, and subsidiary and parent corporations.

3.17. Compliance with Waste Discharge Requirements: Respondent shall comply with all applicable waste discharge requirements issued by the State Water Resources Control Board or a California regional water quality control board.

PENALTY

4. Based on the foregoing DETERMINATION OF VIOLATIONS, the Department sets the amount of Respondent's penalty at \$ 142,494.00. Payment is due within 30 days from the effective date of the Order. Respondent's check shall be made payable to the Department of Toxic Substances Control, and shall identify the Respondent and Docket Number, as shown in the heading of this case. Respondent shall deliver the penalty payment to:

Department of Toxic Substances Control  
Accounting Office  
400 P Street, 4th Floor  
P. O. Box 806  
Sacramento, California 95812-0806

A photocopy of the check shall be sent to:

Florence Gharibian  
Branch Chief  
Statewide Compliance Division  
Department of Toxic Substances Control  
1011 North Grandview Avenue  
Glendale, California 91201

RIGHT TO A HEARING

5. You may request a hearing to challenge the Order. Appeal procedures are described in the attached Statement to Respondent.

EFFECTIVE DATE

6.1. This Order is final and effective twenty days from the date of mailing, which is the date of the cover letter transmitting the Order to you, unless you request a hearing within the twenty-day period.

TIME PERIODS

7. "Days" for purposes of this Order means calendar days.

Date of Issuance\_\_\_\_.

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Florence Gharibian  
Branch Chief  
Statewide Compliance Division  
Department of Toxic Substances  
Control